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<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b>		Docket No. P07370US00/BAS
		1 <sup>st</sup> Inventor BROWN tal.
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Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing		Serial No. 09/937,338
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